

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student athlete recruiting; requiring
3 the Florida High School Athletic Association to hold
4 certain bylaws in abeyance; providing for creation of a
5 task force to review student athlete recruiting issues;
6 providing for task force membership and duties; requiring
7 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature;
8 requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
9 Government Accountability to conduct a review of
10 recruiting violations by Florida High School Athletic
11 Association member schools; providing appropriations;
12 providing an effective date.

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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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16 Section 1. (1) The Florida High School Athletic
17 Association shall, until July 1, 2007, hold in abeyance the 2006-
18 2007 revisions to sections 11.01, 11.02, 11.2, 11.3, and 11.4,
19 Bylaws of the Florida High School Athletic Association, relating
20 to student athlete residence and transfer, adopted pursuant to s.
21 1006.20, Florida Statutes.

22 (2) A Student Athlete Recruiting Task Force shall be
23 created to review issues concerning recruiting of secondary
24 school student athletes. The task force shall make
25 recommendations that preserve the parental right to school choice
26 while protecting the integrity of Florida's interscholastic
27 athletic programs. The task force shall consider:

28 (a) The definition of recruiting.

29 (b) Current and proposed procedures governing recruiting of
30 secondary school student athletes.

31 (c) Documented past recruiting practices and violations.
32 Practices to be reviewed shall include, but not be limited to,

33 the provision of tuition scholarships and other inducements,
34 recruitment of foreign athletes, and active solicitation of
35 student athletes and parents by school employees or boosters.

36 (d) The impact of student athlete recruiting rules on
37 parental school choice.

38 (e) The relationship between student athlete transfers and
39 recruiting, including the role of student athlete transfer rules
40 in preventing recruiting.

41 (f) Measures for preventing improper student athlete
42 recruiting and penalties for recruiting violations.

43 (3) The task force shall be comprised of representatives
44 from home school and public and private secondary school
45 proponents and opponents of the 2006-2007 revisions to the bylaws
46 specified in subsection (1). The task force members shall be
47 appointed as follows:

48 (a) Three proponents of the bylaws and three opponents of
49 the bylaws each appointed by the President of the Senate.

50 (b) Three proponents of the bylaws and three opponents of
51 the bylaws each appointed by the Speaker of the House of
52 Representatives.

53 (c) A task force chair appointed by the Governor.

54 (4) Task force members shall serve without compensation but
55 shall be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses in
56 accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

57 (5) The task force shall be staffed by the Office of
58 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability and be
59 monitored by the Department of Education. The chair shall convene
60 meetings of the task force as needed and shall ensure that the
61 recommendations are completed and forwarded on time.

62 (6) The task force shall hold its initial meeting not later
63 than June 1, 2006, and shall submit its recommendations to the
64 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the

65 House of Representatives by January 1, 2007. The task force shall
66 dissolve upon rendering its recommendations.

67 Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and
68 Government Accountability shall conduct an independent review of
69 secondary school recruiting violations among Florida High School
70 Athletic Association member schools and shall have full access to
71 Florida High School Athletic Association records for the purpose
72 of this review.

73 Section 3. The sum of \$60,000 is appropriated from the
74 General Revenue Fund to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and
75 Government Accountability for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to
76 support the work of the Student Athlete Recruiting Task Force.
77 The sum of \$50,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund
78 to the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government
79 Accountability for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to fund its
80 independent review of secondary school recruiting violations.

81 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.